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AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Keiichi TANAKA
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METHOD FOR VACUUM DEVICE,
EXPOSURE SYSTEM, AND OPERATION
METHOD FOR EXPOSURE SYSTEM
Art Unit : 2882
Examiner : STEVEN H. WHITESSELL GORDON

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authorization to charge the
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06-1378.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Submitted herewith are the following:

- (1) Copy of a Japanese Office Action dated January 8, 2009 (and English translation thereof) in counterpart Japanese Application No. 2004-016646;
- (2) Copies of cited foreign documents; and
- (3) IDS Form.

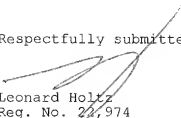
An English translation of said Japanese Office Action is provided, thereby satisfying the requirements for a concise explanation of relevance for the non-English language documents cited therein (MPEP 609.04 (a) III).

JP 2001-345262, JP 2003-282423, JP 2003-071394 and JP 2000-223757, which were cited in said Japanese Office Action dated January 8, 2009, were previously cited in the present application in the IDS filed October 24, 2006. English translations of JP 2001-345262, JP 2003-282423, JP 2003-071394 (Machine translation) and JP 2000-223757 (Machine Translation) are submitted herewith.

JP 2003-071394 submitted herewith, was incorrectly cited in said Japanese Office Action dated January 8, 2009 (and English translation thereof) as JP 2003-07139A.

It is requested that an initialed copy of the IDS Form be returned to indicate that the documents listed therein have been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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